

ABSTRACT

Articles having superabsorbent, water-swellable polymers that absorbs water to provide the water-retention effect, and desorbs water when the coating is dried. The superabsorbent polymer is formed by applying an aqueous precursor composition including a an aqueous solution of a superabsorbent water-soluble polymer precursor, a binder, optionally a viscosity modifying agent, and optionally a lubricant onto the surfaces of the article, and curing to form a superabsorbent polymer.